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Media Advisory

“Delegates’ Better Halves” Build Brings Virginia’ Legislators Together in Bi-Partisan House Build Virginia’s First Lady to lend Hammering Hand

RICHMOND, VA (June 9, 2007) – Habitat homeowner Constella Goode will soon realize her dream of homeownership thanks to an initiative of Virginia’s Legislators and their “Better Halves.” One year ago, the spouses of Virginia’s Delegates unveiled their General Assembly project to partner with Richmond Habitat to help a low-income family achieve the American Dream of homeownership. On Saturday, June 9, a volunteer crew of Virginia’s Delegates and their spouses will be joined by First Lady Anne Holton to assist in the final stages of the house construction.

The “Delegates Better Halves” house build is made possible through seed money raised by spouses of Virginia’s Delegates. The General Assembly project is spearheaded by Amy Frederick, wife of Delegate Jeff Frederick, and Rose Ann Janis, wife of Delegate Bill Janis. Last fall they kicked off their fundraising efforts with a dinner co-hosted by First Lady Anne Holton. A \$10,000 contribution by Dominion Resources was a special highlight of the evening that marked the drive’s beginning to collect enough funds for the house build.

Virginia Delegates remain focused on the issue of affordable housing. Stepping in from both sides of the aisle, two local Virginia Delegates, Chris Peace (R) and Jennifer McClellan (D), have joined together to lead the second phase of the bi-partisan fundraising campaign to raise the remaining \$25,000 needed to complete Constella Goode’s new home.

WHAT: Virginia Delegates, their spouses and Virginia’s First Lady Anne Holton to volunteer on Richmond Habitat house build

WHEN: Saturday, June 9, 2007
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

WHO: First Lady of Virginia Anne Holton
Rose Ann Janis, wife of Delegate Bill Janis
Delegate Bill Janis
Ashley Peace, wife of Delegate Chris Peace
Delegate Chris Peace
Leisha G. LaRiviere, Executive Director, Richmond Habitat for Humanity

WHERE: 506 Windomere Avenue
Richmond, VA 23227
The VA Delegates’ Habitat build site is located in Chamberlayne Estates, Richmond Habitat’s first neighborhood development in Henrico County.

About Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity

Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity is an ecumenical Christian ministry that welcomes to its work all people dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing. Richmond Habitat changes lives by making it possible for families to realize the dream of homeownership. We join forces with Richmond area, low-income families, local businesses, faith groups, associations and individual volunteers and donors to build decent, modest homes that families can afford to buy through interest free mortgages we provide. We are a hand-up, not a handout. For more information on Richmond Habitat, visit www.richmondhabitat.org

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